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Students speak out against band move



Adrea Evans & Brittney Heil
The Burrow

Going to the Hamilton County Senior High basketball games may seem a little different this year. As some enter the gym, they might notice the north side of the gym is no longer filled with the musical styling of the HCSH band.

This year, administration decided to move the band up to the mezzanine level. "There were many liability issues with all the equipment being on the floor. We felt it was a good idea to take care of that before anyone was injured." Principal, Mr. Jeff Fetcho said.

As the band members approached the mezzanine level, mixed feelings started to rise as they sat in the section marked off with yellow tape. Senior band member, Katie Karcher said, "I think that it is ridiculous that the band has to sit at the top of the gym. It is understandable that other schools want a cheering section, but if we are going to allow them one, it should be reserved for visitors only. It is discouraging for the band members to sit at the top and look down to see the visitors section filled with Hamilton County faculty."

The complaints of the band moving are not only coming from band



Empty bleachers are on the minds of band members.

members. The decision has also affected other students in the school. Senior cheerleader, Katlyn Teffertiller said, "I'm not a big fan of the band's new location. The band makes the games much more fun, and by putting them up top, it takes away our biggest and most active cheering section. For cheerleading, the band is who we mostly interact with. We dance to their

music, and they cheer with us. In my opinion, all of the home games we've had this year have not even been half as entertaining as what they used to be. Bring back the band!"

As the band looks down to see the Fox Den filled with fellow classmates it's disappointing to not be able to cheer with them. The cheerleaders yell "Get up! Get up! Get up for the foxes!"

but the band is unseen and can not be involved. "I am also against the band sitting at the top, because I feel it takes away from the student section. The band really helps to get the crowd pumped up, and you can't see their enthusiasm when they're all the way up top. It's our school, and if we have enough students to fill up both sides we should allow them to do so, to cheer at our home games." Senior, Michaela Scattone said.

Mr. Fetcho also hoped to create an equal cheering opportunity for visiting students. "The idea was a common thread among people in the athletic department. A student section for visitors makes it a level cheering field." Mr. Fetcho said.

Even though the basketball season is coming to an end, the band will still show their school spirit. Maybe things will be changed in the future, or maybe not. Until then, the band will do their best and continue to play loud. "In my opinion the band still sounds good. As good as they are, they will still be appreciated no matter their location. All in all the members are there to support the athletes and are still doing their job even if it's in the mezzanine." Mr. Fetcho said.

The director of the HCSH band, Mr. Jerry Brock-Jones said, "The band sounds good, no matter where we are!"

Clubs participate in school beautification



Brittney Heil
The Burrow

A beautification project will begin on the campus of Hamilton County Senior High.

Starting on January 31st, the clubs of HCSH will begin to participate in the school beautification program. All clubs will participate in helping keep our campus clean throughout the rest of the school year. The last day of the program will be May 25th.

Brandon Reyling will meet members of clubs on each scheduled day at the front entrance. He will be with them during the trash pick-up from 3:02 until 3:30. Club members should help out and sign up for their scheduled date. Attention sophomores, this could be a great opportunity for both community service and helping your club.

"I think it's a good idea, but it's going to be hard for the ones with after school jobs," FCCLA sponsor, Mrs. Sue Kinder said.

This is a new program the high school is hoping could be a great success and something all clubs

Fun Putters



Adrea Evans
The Burrow

The struggle to keep Hamilton County youth entertained on the weekends has always been a problem. Mark and Lisa Auten are now giving people of all ages, a chance to do something different on the weekends and to save gas while doing it.

Fun Putters is located inside the Teen Center. It will be open to the public every Friday to Sunday from 5-9, unless there is a Teen Center dance. The cost is \$3 per person for 9 holes and the second game is only \$2. Senior, Jeremy Kilgore said, "\$3 is pretty cheap, I'll probably go."

Senior, John Ritcheson said, "Being able to play a round of put-put without going out of town is pretty cool."

Fun Putters!
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Mark Auten demonstrates the new golf equipment.

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Helpful homework



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

Homework is an unsavory fact of school, and a necessary evil.

The reason for homework is for students to practice what they should know without assistance from the teacher. However some teachers give busy work, homework should be the training wheels of the class not a grueling marathon like the Tour de France.

Good homework isn't there to make students hate school, or ruin their nights. It is there for students to apply the knowledge they've learned in class. Cementing knowledge and preparation for the inevitable test, that is the reason for homework. "Good Homework is homework that actually teaches you something." Junior, Lucas Adkisson said.

Homework may be a hassle, and sometimes its easier just to "compare" someone else's work. In doing so can get the "A", but it will make the test that much more difficult. "If I would



Nick Holloman

have actually done my homework, I would do better in school." Senior, Brady Allen said.

Homework is also vital to grades. "It's an easy grade. If you would just do your homework you will pass the class," Senior, John Ritcheson said "but to excel homework is crucial." In college most teachers do not assign homework, and its up to the student to study without aid.

The next time homework becomes a hassle remember, its an easy grade and a helpful study guide for the class.

Stress, due tomorrow



Brian Harland
The Burrow

I have a job and don't have time. Last week I worked 40 hours," Senior Brittany Lefton stated. The consumption of homework has engulfed the student body at Hamilton County High School. The halls are stricken with frown-ridden faces because of the extreme overload of stress inducing labor. An anonymous teacher stated, "Homework is like cancer. The more you have, the worse you feel." The thoughts of this anonymous character are shared by students and adults everywhere. "Homework sucks," Sophomore Delilah White stated.




The idea of homework is to help students get a better understanding of what teachers have explained to them. This is common knowledge to most people but, the same knowledge is not always grasped by the mind. "Homework is stressful when it doesn't mean anything, especially when teachers use it as busy work," Senior Josh Spangler explained.

As the 3:02 all clear bell sounds throughout the passages of Hamilton County High School, the last thing on the minds of the people exiting is "I can't wait to get home and do my homework." The majority of stu-



Brian Harland ripping up homework.

dents currently enrolled in high school are at or above the age of 16. This means that the majority of students has licenses and with that comes the responsibility to get a job. Jobs are time consuming and yet the amount of homework keeps piling up on the desks of students. According to a recent study: time spent on homework has gone up 50% since 1981. "Practice makes perfect," is how the saying goes but how much practice do we need; no matter how much practice one has, without the desire to do the work the work is pointless.

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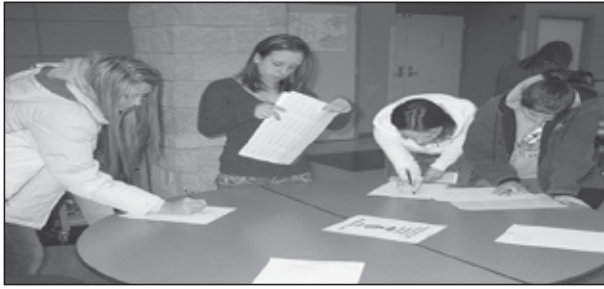
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Students to participate in Wellness Conference

Brandon Miller
The Burrow

With only so much attention to give, students are busy focusing on academia, sports, school spirit and the task of coping with daily dramas. On February 16th, however, students will drop their hectic schedules for half a day when HCSH hosts the Teen Wellness Conference.

This conference is meant, among other things, to educate students about various aspects of healthiness. Darlene Miller, a University of Illinois Extension Officer and member of the committee in charge of the event, said, "It provides an opportunity to gain knowledge about different life skills." "We try to provide a well-rounded



Jrs. Jayla Stephens, Kayla Folmer, Stephanie Fowler, and Ashley Bowers register for their sessions in the TWC.

curriculum for both females and males," Miller said. By doing this, the committee hopes to promote better mental, physical and social health, to reinforce what parents and teachers try to convey. According to

Miller, presenters instruct "in a different format. And, coming from an outside party it is better received."

Speakers of various occupations offer information based on their professional

experience in sessions the length of a normal class period. According to Miller, the mayor, several social workers, faculty of Rend Lake, University of Illinois Extension workers and state and local police are expected to address the students.

Other general session topics have included further nutritional advice, physical fitness instruction and self-defense, college opportunities and drug awareness. This year, however, the panel discussions on post-high-school possibilities have been eliminated. Miller said they received the lowest evaluations.

New to the selection this year is a "dancing with the stars" presentation, where students are taught a specific dance type. There is also a new class on self-esteem.

Junior, Amanda Harrawood said the presenters are capable in their respective subjects and it is an educational experience for those who want to listen.

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Happy V-Day

Jennifer Smith
The Burrow

February 14 is a day that is usually associated with love and happiness with couples and friends. To a certain group of people though, this day is a day to celebrate woman around the world and to protest violence against women by men.

In 1998 after an outgrowth of Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues" this institute came together. Through this organization millions of women tell their stories of rape, incest, murder, domestic battery and genital mutilation. V-Day is a catalyst, a movement, a performance.

The mission of V-Day is straightforward. Valentines Day is proclaimed as V-Day until all of the violence stops. When all women live in safety and no longer fear violence or the threat of violence, February 14th will be called Victory over Violence Day.

"I think it is very important to stand up for women's rights," Junior Erika Wilkinson said when told about the mission of this day.

V-Day is a vision, a catalyst, a spirit, an organized response against violence towards women, a process. V-Day is fierce, wild, and unstoppable.

Women are beautiful creatures that should not be taken advantage of. One in three women will experience violence in their lifetime. The majority of the time the violence is from the hands of someone she



Valentine, Victory

knows. If you or someone you know is a victim of violence call the Domestic Violence Hotline-1800-799-7233 or the National Victim Center-1800-FYI-CALL.

"I would pledge to not inflict violence on women, unless I was using it as self-defense" said Senior, Reagan Schuster. "I would definitely pledge to stand against women's violence though."

Stop the violence. Pledge to stand against

violence towards women, buy V-Tea to support the V-Day cause, or be nice to a girl you have been hateful to in the past. Do anything that stands against the violence.



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All about Fat Guy



Nick Holloman
The Burrow

Due to the availability of video cameras, homemade movies and video projects for school have become commonplace.

Some students however put forth the time and effort to put together a movie. Out of either passion or school, student-made films have become more frequent than ever before. "Some people think these things are easy A's but we soon learnt it's hard to get it all together." Senior, Colton (Cotton) Flannigan said.

Fat Guy Productions is the brainchild of Juniors, Lucas Adkisson, Jared Russell, Lukas Dale, Jacob Gay, and Senior, Colton Flannigan. Originally called "4 Fat Guys and 1 Skinny Infeminate Man" the name was

shortened down to "Fat Guy Productions" early on.

In Fat Guy's year and a half life they have made two short movies, "Julius Caesar" and "The First Thanksgiving". "My favorite part of the whole experience was beating Flannigan repeatedly in Julius Caesar," said Russell.

With two movies under their proverbial belt the guys of Fat Guy are still hard at work on their next movie. "We are currently working on multiple scripts," said Flannigan "one which involves a guy holding his ex-girlfriend's dog as a hostage to get his stuff back."

Front man of Fat Guy Adkisson leaves some advice to any potential filmmakers "Don't climb on the roof, have a script and make sure you have some light if you're filming at night."



The members of Fat Guy: Colton Flannigan, Jared Russell, Lucas Adkisson, and (not pictured) Jacob Gay.

Love is in the air



Michaela Morlan
Features



Every February 14 candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno, the Queen

of the Roman Gods and Goddesses; it's also a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline and the figure of the winged Cupid. Valentine's Day is a day where people send each other cards, candy, and flowers. A typical Valentine's Day gift include roses and or chocolates.

"I really like Valentine's Day, it's so romantic! This year Nick and I are going to go out to eat and then exchange gifts," Sophomore, Brooke Biggerstaff stated.

On the other side not everyone tends to agree with Valentine's Day. "I think it's a Hallmark holiday! If you love someone tell them everyday not just on February 14 because that's what everyone else does!" Junior, Cameron Frey said.

So whether you agree or disagree with Valentine's Day, make sure you tell the people you love that you love them.

Who's your number 1



Michaela Morlan
The Burrow

For many of the past years, member of Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) have been able to sponsor the compatibility test for the students here at Hamilton County Senior High.

Mrs. Sue Kinder, the FCCLA sponsor, said, "We've been doing the compatibility tests for as long as I've been here. I remember my sons doing this. So I know it's been done for at least the past ten years."

The compatibility tests are given to all grades here at HCSH. English teachers give them out so everyone has a fair chance to take it. After everyone has taken the test, Mrs. Kinder then sends them back to the company from where she got them. Then on Valentine's Day, the FCCLA members will be selling the lists in the commons area for \$1.50.



"I think the compatibility tests are very interesting because you get to see who is going to get paired. Last year my number one was one of my ex's, so I guess they are pretty accurate and I'm waiting to see who I'll be paired with this year," Junior, Ashley Bowers stated.

"I've been taking the compatibility test for the past four years, I don't think they're all that realistic but they're a lot of fun. I am always interested to see who my number one is," Senior, Jonya Stephan said. So on February 14 don't forget to get your compatibility test.

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ HCSH Couple



Brandi Cahill and Tanner Spicuzza have been together for a year and a half. Tanner plans to surprise Brandi on Valentine's Day, last year they went to dinner and a movie. Tanner's favorite quality about Brandi is her ability to make him laugh and Brandi's favorite quality is how Tanner is always there for her. Brandi couldn't think of anything she would change about Tanner because "everyone has flaws but that just makes him a better person." Tanner got Brandi a puppy and a promise ring for Christmas.



Ryan Dare and Maggie Karcher are the reigning "Mr. And Mrs. HCSH." They've been together for 4 years. They didn't have a definitive first date they just hung out and watched movies with friends. The sweetest thing they've done for each other is when Ryan got Maggie a ring for her birthday and when Maggie made pancakes for Ryan when he was sick.

Not just farmin'



Callan Howton
The Burrow

National FFA week is from February 19th through the 23rd. Sponsor Mr. C.R. Sloan said, "Our group is planning on greatly participating in the week. We already have some events planned."

There will be a Teacher Appreciation Day held on Wednesday of that week. "Besides 'Teacher Appreciation' and 'Tractor Day' we are also going to have 'Camo/Hick/Cowboy Day' and 'Blue and Gold Day' in honor of the National FFA colors," Sophomore, Kait Sloan said.

The biggest day of the week is Million Dollar Day also known as Tractor Day. "Last year there was over 1 million dollars of equipment in our parking lot. Kids really like participating in this day," Mr. Sloan stated.

Although many people participate throughout the week, many members feel as though students do not really know about FFA. Contrary to popular belief, Mr. Sloan said, "FFA does not stand for Future Farmers of America any more. We have kept the FFA letters but it is now the National Organization for Agriculture Students. This is because less than 2 percent end up working in farming. The biggest employment is now in horticulture and marketing sales. There is also a tremendous amount of employment in pesticides, animal genetics, feeds, and significant opportunities in agricultural law and regulations."

"Members of FFA do more than grow plants and raise animals," Mr. Sloan commented. BSAA (Biological Sciences Applied in Agriculture) classes are studying expected progeny data and production statistic information to help make decisions. Agriculture business classes are learning different ways to show profit and loss through spread sheets. In Mr. Sloan's numerous other classes they are learning important skills such as how to have



meetings through parliamentary procedure.

"We want the students to have knowledge about what they will be doing other than raising animals. There are many other aspects of what they do," Mr. Sloan said. Outside of school, members participate in conferences and conventions. "Hopefully everybody will participate during the week and have fun with it," Kait Sloan said.



Front, L-R: Whitney Miller, Megan Karcher, Rachel Wall, Rachel Crow, and Sarah Becker. Back, L-R: Nick Holloman, Nick Knight, Jake Welch, Jesse Navaraz, J.P. Moehn, Cullen Bond, David Wilson, and Brandon Miller. (Participants in the WYSE competition on February 8th)

The WYSE team placed third. Nick Holloman placed third in Computer Science, Nick Knight placed 2nd in Math and 2nd in Biology; Jake Welch placed 3rd in Math; Cullen Bond placed 1st in Physics and Sarah Becker placed 1st in Math. Sarah Becker, Cullen Bond and Nick Knight will advance to Sectionals at SIU-C.



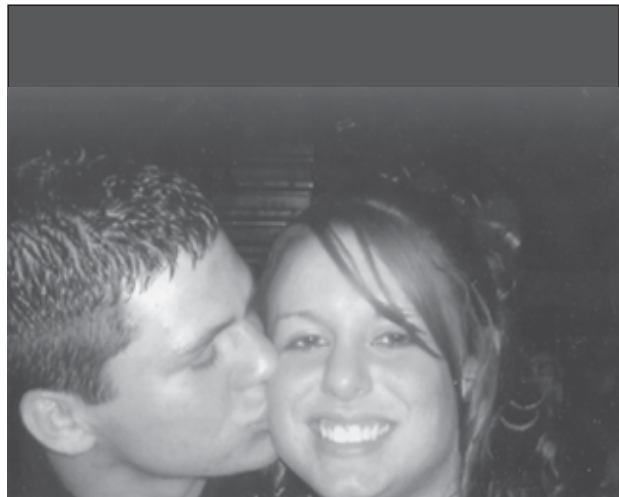
Above, Left: Jacob Cantrell, Whitney Miler and Jared Russell participate in a trash can drumline at the Foxes vs. Cairo game. Above, Right: Colton Flannigan.

Couples Profile ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ ♥

Stephanie Hart
The Burrow




Becky Hutchcraft and Charles Crow Jr. have been together for 6 months. They plan to go out to dinner on Valentine's Day. Their most romantic moment was when Charlie carried her out to the van while it was muddy outside. Their first date was homecoming. Charlie's heart is Becky's favorite quality.



Kelli Hopper and Koltyn Irvin have been together for 5 months. Koltyn plans on getting Kelli a flower. They went to the movies for their first date. Koltyn's favorite quality about Kelli is her big heart and Kelli couldn't choose a favorite. They would not change anything about each other.

George Washington is for lovers

 **Stephanie Hart**
The Burrow



Happy Valentine's day from the burrow!

Valentine's Day can often times lead to broke teenage boys and bored teenage girls. Don't let this year be another disappointment! One cannot blame a small town for lack of opportunity on the holiday of love. The object of Valentine's Day is to spend time with your hunny and enjoy each other's company.

This year, with the wrath of El Nino to thank, February 14 could be the warmest ever! Sneak your sweetie to Kid's Kingdom and push her in the swing. After swinging, scrape up loose change from your car and get a \$.84 Bigg Swigg from Huck's, 2 straws if you're not up to date on your cootie shots. If it's still cold, bundle up before you go and don't forget the hot chocolate!

Don't let rainy weather keep you lovebirds indoors, nothing is more romantic than dancing to the rhythm of the rain. But if you kids are more adventurous, then mud-

puddin is for you! Go drive out on the country roads and hit every puddle at mach speeds, don't go home until you can't see the color of your car. If you don't have your license yet, go bike riding in the puddles, its just as fun and way more messy!

Valentine's day falls on a Wednesday this year, which means "rent one, get one free" night at the local Sunstar Video. For all those big spenders who can find a dollar, that means you can watch "The Notebook" to make your chick think you're sensitive and force her to seek refuge in your arms while watching "Amityville Horror."

If you're feeling exotic this year, go to La Palmita and get an order of Nachos La Palmita for 5 dollars and then curl up on the couch and watch "George Lopez" on ABC. Don't let money or a small town stunt your creativity, be resourceful and wow your sugar with a Valentine's day she'll never forget!



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Students of the Month

 **Callan Howton**
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Congratulations to the above students for being selected January Students of the Month: (front) Yessenia Guillermo, Rachel Crow, Katie Karcher, and Chelsea Steele, (back) Jake Welch, Nick Knight, Luke Thomas, David Tennyson, Delilah White, and Tom Webb.

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Beginning in December ten lucky Hamilton County Senior High students were chosen to be Students of the Month.

Teachers submitted the names of numerous students who met the requirements of a minimum GPA of 3.0. The students were also supposed to strive to do their best, behave well in class, better the academic environment and show genuine concern for classmates.

"The new Student of the Month program is a great way to recognize students for things besides football or strictly academics. Although academics play a big part, students must also show other honorable traits. Citizenship, as far as good behavior and concern for others, are also needed. These select students are thought to have integrity, perseverance, self-control, and enhance the academic environment as a whole," Principal Jeff Fetcho said.

Students chosen for the month of December were Maria Eckleberry, David

Wilson, Kent Kiefer, Laura Penrod, J.P. Moehn, Megan Karcher, Caleb Miller, Sara Veatch, Brandon Miller and Leta White. "I feel very honored that my teachers feel I deserved to be a Student of the Month. This program is a great way to promote academic excellence throughout our high school," Junior, Sara Veatch stated.

As a reward for their exemplary behavior and grades they will all receive a gift certificate, certificate of achievement, a picture in the Times Leader and will be entered in a drawing for a larger prize at the end of the year.

During every month different students will be chosen. "The automatic disqualifications include unexcused absences, tardies, discipline notes, or being on the No Pass, No Play list. Hopefully these restrictions will encourage our Hamilton County Senior High students to continue behaving well," Fetcho also stated.

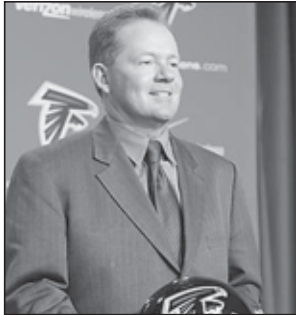
Petrino leaves Louisville, heads for Atlanta

Johnny Barrow
The Burrow

One week after firing head coach Jim Mora Jr., the Atlanta Falcons have found his replacement.

Bobby Petrino, former head coach of the Louisville Cardinals, signed a five-year 24 million dollar contract with the Atlanta Falcons to be their new head coach for the 07-08 National Football League season. Just six months ago, Petrino signed a 10-year 25.5 million dollar contract extension with the Cardinals because the school didn't want him going anywhere else, but the contract didn't stop Petrino from looking around at other jobs and when he found the right opportunity, he took it. "I think that Bobby Petrino should have stayed at Louisville, because he signed a contract saying he would, but then just a few months later, he said he was leaving, and I don't like that" said Freshman Logan Karcher. Petrino coached the Cardinals to a near perfect season, only losing one of the team's thirteen games and winning the Big East Conference Championship. "Petrino is a good coach, I think he will fit in good with the Falcons" said Sophomore Jarret Warren.

On January 2nd, Petrino coached his last



Bobby Petrino is the Atlanta Falcons new head coach.

game with the Cardinals. Petrino and his 5th ranked Cardinals faced off against the 15th ranked Demon Decans from Wake Forest in the Orange Bowl and successfully defeated them with a final score of 24-13.

This will not be Petrino's first time in the NFL; he was the Jacksonville Jaguars offensive coordinator and their quarterback coach for three seasons. "Bobby Petrino is a good coach, but I think that he should stay in the NCAA as a coach because not many college coaches succeed in the NFL" said Junior Brody Mitchell.

Say it ain't Sosa!

Caleb Kirsch
The Burrow



A young Sammy Sosa

One of the most illustrious sluggers of our time quietly left baseball after a disappointing 2005 season, which was plagued by injuries and tainted by a corked bat. After being the only player in major league baseball history to hit 60 homeruns in three consecutive seasons, fans watched his career steadily decline. While he is now older and a mere image of what he once was, he is trying to get back into baseball.

The big tuna calls it quits

Orry Taylor
The Burrow

After 19 years in the NFL, 65-year old Bill Parcells has decided it's time to quit.

Four years after taking over the helm of the Jim Jones the Cowboy, Parcells has decided his job is finished. He has taken the cowboys from a 5-11 team to an 8-8 contender. He has just not been able to get his team over the hump and reach their Super Bowl goals. Junior Justin Williams said, "That would be too much for most to handle."

With many distractions and controversies this season, many coming by way of star receiver Terrell Owens, Parcells took the past couple weeks to decide on his future. It looked like he would finally get his team on track, but they fell apart in the last stretch

Sammy Sosa, now 38 years of age has announced he will try to return to baseball for the 2007 season, as a member of the Texas Rangers. After being inactive for all of the 2006 season, Sosa is optimistic that he can prove himself as a major league caliber player, once again. Ironically, 18 years ago the Rangers were the team that gave Sosa his first shot in the majors, as a 20 year old rookie. "Sammy was a good player, I hope he makes the team," Sophomore, Duke Greismer said.

Reports say that Sosa has worked out for the Rangers twice this off season for team scouts. The Rangers so far have been impressed with Sosa's performance, and offered him an invitation for a spot on the spring training roster. If Sosa is able to make the 40 man roster to start the beginning of the 2007 season, he will be paid \$500,000 with a chance to earn additional performance bonuses. "Sosa hit a crazy amount of home runs back in his day, I bet he can still play pretty good," Junior, Holden Jackson said. "I'm pretty sure Sosa will be back again," Junior, Levi Link said. While Sosa has been absent in the lives of baseball fans for over a year, they may get to experience Slammin' Sammy one more time.



NFL Legend Bill Parcells

of the season. "This all added up and got to me" stated Parcells.

Parcells "Big Tuna" has left a legacy for everyone to remember. He has won two super bowls with his first team the Giants. He was also the first to take two different teams to the Super Bowl and three to the League Championships.

Senior Luke Thomas said, "It will be a great loss to the NFL and the many people that so strongly respect him." For many it is a sad day in History, and hope one day there is a chance, the Big Tuna will be back.

Vicks trouble with airline security continues

Johnny Barrow
The Burrow

Just two years after allegedly stealing a Rolex watch from the Atlanta International Airport, Michael Vick is back in trouble with airline security.

The current Atlanta Falcons quarterback was trying to bring onboard his 20 ounce bottle of "Aquaflina", which is not allowed at Miami International because it is over the 3 ounce limit on bottled drinks. The security at Miami International Airport told Vick that he needed to throw away his bottle, but he refused to do so. After arguing with the security, Vick finally disposed of his bottle and boarded onto his plane.

Long after Vick was gone, the MIA security decided to grab the bottle that Vick threw away and check it out. What the MIA security found was that the bottle had a secret compartment in it that contained a dark substance that smelled like marijuana. "I think that Vick should go to jail, if they find out that he was trying to get marijuana on that plane, because this is not the first time he was in trouble with airline security" Junior Ricky McVay said.



Michael Vick has allegedly tried to sneak marijuana on an airplane.

The bottle was later sent to the Miami police to do analysis on the bottle to find out what exactly was in the compartment of the bottle. "The bottle's label concealed a seam which separated the top and bottom of the bottle," a report obtained from the Miami-Dade Police Department stated. According to Florida law possession of less than 20 ounces of marijuana as a misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and one year in prison. However, first-time offenders usually don't serve time in prison. "I bet that nothing happens to Vick, he will get off with no jail time because he is famous" Sophomore Bryce Lueke said.

The single-season homerun record; a curse in disguise

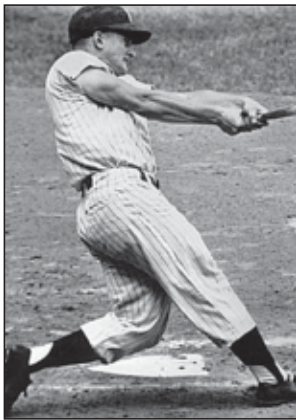
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The Burrow

One of the most coveted and sought after records of all sports is the single season home run record. This record is meant only to be broken by baseball players who are the best of their era, who has the strength and endurance to specialize in hitting home runs. While only three players over the past 46 years can say they have broken this record, none of these three players can be found in the baseball hall of fame.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees broke the home run record by hitting 61 homeruns, which was previously held by Babe Ruth. Roger Maris soon after became a celebrity and an icon for major league baseball. When the best players ever to put on a Yankee uniform are listed, Roger Maris is on that list. Ironically, Roger Maris is absent from the baseball hall of fame. "Maris deserves to be in the hall of fame, most people probably remember him more than some of the players that are actually in the hall of fame," Junior, Kyle Ragan said.

37 years later, in the 1998 season, Mark McGwire hit 70 homeruns with the St. Louis Cardinals, which shattered the record by nine. McGwire also became an instant celebrity, and was supposed to be a first-ballot hall of famer. Since then, allegations of steroid use has tainted his career. In early January of this year, McGwire appeared on hall of fame ballots for the class of 2007. He needed 75% of the voters to vote for him to get into the hall of fame. He only received 23%. "I hope McGwire gets into the hall of fame later down the line. He was brought popularity back into baseball," Junior, Jacob Harrawood said.

Only three years later during the 2001 season, Barry Bonds 73 home runs to claim the record. Shortly after, Bonds' personal



Single Season Homerun Record

trainer admitted to giving anabolic steroids some of the players he trained, which is an illegal substance for all sports. While no one has been able to prove Bonds used any illegal substances, rumors and doubt have swarmed through the media and fans. Many sportswriters and columnists claim they will never vote for Bonds to get into the hall of fame. "I'm glad people aren't going to vote for Bonds, he's a cheater and doesn't deserve to be in," Junior, Brian Kreher said.

As McGwire and Bonds both will have more chances to get into the hall of fame, many believe that they will never regain enough credibility to join the envied hall of fame.

The iPhone revolution

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The Burrow

Six years after Apple changed the electronic world with its introduction of the iPod, the company has introduced what it believes will be the next electronic revolution.

With companies, such as Sony, starting to compete in the Mp3 player market, Apple may have released its new invention just in time. It is called the iPhone. It has three revolutionary parts all combined into one compact device.

The first part is a new high-tech phone. It doesn't flip or slide. Instead it dispenses with buttons and has a proximity-sensor. The next part is a widescreen iPod with touch screen controls. The final touch is the breakthrough internet with desktop. This allows the owner to use e-mail, surf the web, and use maps. Freshman, Teddy Little said "It has everything that I need, and then some."




Above is the new, stylish iPhone

Many may think the downfall of this product could be its price. It will start out at an estimated price of around \$500-600. Junior, Jeff Robinson said "Bit steep for my liking." This price may keep many people around the world away from the product, until the price starts to decline.

After months of speculation, Apples stocks have jumped once again, after what seemed to be a faltering company. Junior, Luke Bowman said "Wish I had me some of those." The release has a frenzy it seems, mostly because of the company's last invention, the iPod.

Everyone is anticipating the iPhone will be the new trend, just as the iPod once was. It should be interesting to see if this company can live up to the hype.

Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories

 **Rhet Vaughan**
The Burrow

Any news from Rockstar Games concerning the Grand Theft Auto series (GTA) is always good news.

The Grand Theft Auto series is very well known in the gaming world. Known mostly for its explicit scripture and extremely violent gameplay. Nearly every chapter in the GTA stories have been either taken off of the shelves or banned at one point of another.

However, the makers seem to always find a way to win the case. Their last top selling game (GTA: San Andreas) was a total hit and broke numerous records. They then came out with a unique "sideshow" of a game from GTA 3 called GTA: Liberty City Stories (LCS). It was based in the same city and dealt with same characters as in 3, but was set in a different time period with a new main character.

This year it they have released the same sequel type game from another series hit GTA: Vice City. Only this time it is under the title GTA: Vice City Stories (VCS). It takes place in the same city, and has the same




characters only with a different storyline and different time period just as LCS did earlier last year.

Though Vice City and San Andreas featured famous, high paying actors such as Ray Liotta and Samuel L. Jackson, LCS and VCS are both low budget games with nearly unheard of voices.

"I loved Ray Liotta as Tommy Verceitti in Vice City. He made then entire game better by doing the main character's voice." Sophomore Benjamin Scattona said.

Junior Jacob Bell commented, "Samuel L. Jackson is the man! I'm surprised that someone of his statue would do a video game, but I'm glad that he did because he made it that much better."

Entertainment's best to receive awards at Oscars

 **Brandon Miller**
The Burrow

On a red carpet in Hollywood the entertainment industry's best will walk toward the Kodak Theatre, where they will find out if this year is theirs to be called "Academy Award Winner".

The 79th Academy Awards will take place on Sunday, February 25 and comedienne Ellen DeGeneres will host. After Jon Stewart, an overall disappointment as the 2006 Oscar ceremony host, Academy members hope DeGeneres will breathe some originality into the presentation.

"Ellen DeGeneres will make an awesome host for the Academy Awards!" Junior, Jamie McGovern said.

But no matter the brilliance of the evening's comedy, writhing tension will certainly be present under the nominees' poise. Still, some are veterans of the Oscar experience. Actress Meryl Streep scored her 14th nomination for her lead role in "The Devil Wears Prada".

Others are new to this world of glamour and prestige. Former American Idol finalist, actress Jennifer Hudson, received her first Oscar nomination for a supporting role in "Dreamgirls".

"Dreamgirls" also received 7 additional



The 3,400 seat Kodak Theatre will host the 79th Academy Awards.

nominations, more than any other film this year, including one for supporting actor Eddy Murphy, achievement in art direction, costume design, and three for original song.

Spectators were shocked to discover "Dreamgirls" did not get put in the running for best motion picture of the year. Movies the Academy members did choose for this category are "Babel", "The Departed", "Two Letters from Iwo Jima", "Little Miss Sunshine", and "The Queen".

Junior, Veronica Shelton said when a movie wins an Oscar, it demands a favorable predisposition toward the movie. She said, "An Academy Award makes [nominees] feel accomplished in [their] field."

Gay's Anatomy

 **Rhet Vaughan**
Gay's Anatomy

The heated controversy at ABC's top show, "Grey's Anatomy," has boiled over recently as the network's rebuked co-star Isaiah Washington for an anti-gay comment and Washington issued a lengthy apology.

During a backstage interview Monday at the Globes' gala, Washington denied involvement in an on-set incident in October during which an anti-gay remark was reportedly said.


Monday, January 22, Washington met with gay rights activists who said he agreed to help educate the public about the cruelty of such language. He seemed very sincere in his interest in working with us in an on-

going basis," Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN). "We emphasized that this is not a one-shot deal, but an ongoing thing. He was very open to doing this," Jennings said.

The star of the hit ABC medical drama met with Jennings, who spoke after the private meeting, and the president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). According to Jennings, Washington said he wanted to explore ways to work with GLSEN to address issues of name-calling and how he might use his various platforms to educate people about how painful and wrong it is.

Last October, it was reported that Washington used the term "faggot" about cast member T.R. Knight during an on-set argu-

Love on the rocks with no ice

 **Jennifer Smith**
The Burrow

When one hears someone talking about rocks most people often think rock stars, rock concerts, and rock 'n roll. Usually, unless you are five, you don't think of them as fun and interesting items. Little did anyone know that they would make such a big impact on the world. There have been some unusually amazing happenings in the world of rocks in the past few years.

"I love rocks. They are probably the one thing that I live for. I wake up every morning and want to be around rocks. Rocks are my motivation to live." If Ross Gellar from the television show "Friends" was as crazy about rocks and Rachel as he is dinosaurs, this is probably what he would say.

In the past year there have been many recent discoveries in different rocks. In Kansas there have been several meteorites discovered in small fields. Around the world



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there have been several meteorites fall into living rooms and ruining homes.

"Rocks are quite good for breaking windows," Freshman, D.J. Zachman said when told about the meteorite rock damages.

For a real Joe Dirt moment Justin Cooksey's father found a rock and sent it into a college to find out what kind of rock it was. He received notice that the University could not identify this rock and offered him a full ride scholarship just because he found this rock. However 2 young beautiful girls and 2 handsome men brought the myth of the moon-rock to life.

"[Rocks] are amazing. Personally, my favorite kind of rock is coal, coal rock," Junior, Kasi French said. "I think they should definitely find more rocks that are newsworthy."

In Pennsylvania, not far from the Delaware River where George Washington made his famous journey across the river, a miraculous occurrence is occurring. Richard Faas found these rocks in 1965 and decided to take a few of them back to his lab for testing, he discovered that when the rocks were hit they create tones. Some have said that the rocks have some sort of supernatural powers, along with the fields they are found in. This rock field attracts many visitors each year to join in on the "biggest rock concert" ever.

"I live on a gravel road and I hate it because we have to wash our vehicles all the time," Freshman, Jacob Cantrell said. "I don't like rocks all that much."

Rocks are an important part of our life. So the next time you find an amazing rock pick it up, take it home, wash it, make a big bowl of rock soup, and enjoy!!



Isaiah Washington and T.R. Knight

ment with co-star Patrick Dempsey. This was not Washington's first encounter with Dempsey. Washington issued an apology after he was publicly criticized by GLAAD and chastised by ABC.

"I don't think it was any of Washington's business. His comments were inappropriate and uncalled for. Knight's preference's off-stage does not affect Washington or any other cast members," Junior Rachel Wall said.